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## **Public Informational Meeting The Lower Potomac River Coordinated Management Plan**

On October 20, 2004, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will hold a joint public informational meeting to initiate the next phase in the planning process for public lands in the Lower Potomac River area. The next phase of planning will determine the approximate size and location of activity areas and facilities. The meeting will provide an overview of the upcoming planning process and will include a discussion of various key issues. The meeting will be held at Nanjemoy Community Center at 4375 Port Tobacco Road in Nanjemoy, MD 20662 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

The project is located along the Potomac River in southern Charles County and it involves a planning and management strategy for a defined study area and several, key public land units along the Potomac River, including Purse State Park, the Wilson Farm, and Douglas Point. Situated only one hour from Washington D.C., this area is one of the most ecologically and culturally significant landscapes remaining in the State of Maryland.

In cooperation with local communities and other interested stakeholders, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Bureau of Land Management, Charles County, and The Conservation Fund signed an agreement over three years ago that provided for a coordinated strategy for land acquisition from willing sellers, long-range planning and community involvement, and public lands management.

In September 2004, the Bureau of Land Management and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources released the final administrative decision (Decision Record) for the Lower Potomac River Coordinated Management Plan (CMP). The CMP was the result of over two years of coordinated work by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Bureau of Land Management, and the dedication of dozens of citizens from the community. The Decision Record provides comprehensive guidance for future management and use of public lands in the Lower Potomac River area.

For more information, please contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at (410) 260-8408, the Bureau of Land Management at (703) 339-3463, or you may view Maryland Department of Natural Resources' website at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/resourceplanning/index.html>.

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